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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 13 are amended herein. No claims have been allowed.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Weisshaar et al. (U.S. Patent 6,580,916), hereinafter "Weisshaar".

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are not anticipated by Weisshaar. Weisshaar discloses a service framework to discover and connect with a variety of services, both remote and local, transient and persistent, and to disconnect with them when they are no longer of interest or become unavailable. The service framework provides a way for services to make themselves available, and for service-using entities to locate and connect to services. (Abstract). Weisshaar clearly contemplates a mobile user client platform that discovers and uses services dynamically. (column 10, lines 53-58). The service framework provides a rendezvous mechanism that allows services to advertise themselves and enables potential service-using clients to locate the services. (column 12, line 64-column 13, line 5). The service framework provides a way for a service-using entity to look up a service. The service of interest is described in terms of its type and possibly also attribute set values. On a successful match, the service framework provides the caller with an object containing a reference to the service object. The caller can invoke the service via this object.

Applicants respectfully submit that the system taught by Weisshaar is fundamentally different from the claimed invention. For example, Weisshaar teaches a mobile device having access to a dynamic, continually changing group of services as facilitated by the service framework. Applicants, on the other hand, claim an application set stored on an electronic device, and an associated control file, wherein the control file integrates the plurality of applications in the application set such that more than one application can execute on the electronic device concurrently, and transparently to a user of the electronic device. (see amended claims 1 and 13). Applicants respectfully submit that Weisshaar teaches away from the claimed invention by reciting, for example, a

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service framework characteristic that allows applications/services to search for a currently registered service. (column 25, line 53-54).

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are further distinguished from Weisshaar in reciting "defining a plurality of bus addresses, each corresponding to one and only one of the plurality of bus listener objects". Weisshaar teaches away from the claimed one-to-one correspondence by teaching, for example, a "ServiceEventListener-an interface to an object to be notified of the occurrence of an event within the service framework. This object is registered with the service framework. When an event meeting criteria specified during registration occurs, a ServiceEvent [class] is passed to the object via its notify() method." (column 28, lines 12-17). Weisshaar does not teach or suggest defining a plurality of bus addresses, each corresponding to one and only one of the plurality of bus listener objects. For this reason alone, the claims are not anticipated by Weisshaar.

Applicants further respectfully submit that Weisshaar lacks any teaching or suggestion regarding "a plurality of relationships between the plurality of bus listener objects, the plurality of bus addresses, and a plurality of object methods is defined by the control file". (see amended claims 1 and 13). Contrarily, Weisshaar teaches that relationships between objects addresses and method is constantly changing as users request different services and as different services become available or unavailable. For all of these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention of claims 1 and 13, which include at least the limitations lacking in Weisshaar, are not anticipated by Weisshaar.

Applicants further submit that dependent claims 2-12 and 14-24 depend from allowable claims and include further limitations thereon. Therefore, the dependent claims 2-12 and 14-24 are similarly allowable over the cited art.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance. The allowance of the claims is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims.

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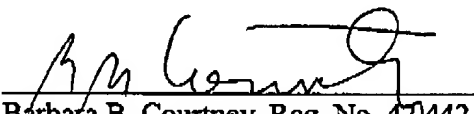
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